



February 26, 2019

The Honorable Bill Coley
Chairman
Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee
Ohio Senate Building
Room 140
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 1 –Written Proponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Coley:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) appreciates the opportunity to provide this written proponent testimony on behalf of Senate Bill 1. As Senator McColley described in his sponsor testimony, the bill requires certain state agencies and commissions to establish a base inventory of their regulatory restrictions, review their rules, and then reduce these regulations by 30% over the course of three years.

As Senator Roegner testified, "According to the 2018 Mercatus Center study, Ohio has the third-most regulations of all states that have been researched, only trailing New York and Illinois in the number of administrative rules currently in place. That is twice the number of regulations on the books in Maryland or Missouri, or three times the number of regulations in place in Michigan."

Regulations that relate to manufacturers and manufacturing are vital to ensure safety of workers, products and the environment. However, it is also important to ensure that the regulations promulgated are necessary, non-duplicative, and the least burdensome possible while still providing their intended protections. Manufacturers are regulated by all levels of government, from local jurisdictions through the federal government and also internationally. We believe that Senate Bill 1 will help ensure that Ohio's regulatory structures provide necessary protections while making Ohio more business friendly by eliminating unnecessary regulations that can stifle growth.

The OMA appreciates the time and effort Senators Roegner and McColley have invested in crafting this legislation and we encourage a swift, affirmative vote of the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Brundrett".

Robert Brundrett
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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association